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FOR OES/APT/BMP, MR. WALSH

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TBIO, OSCI, JA

SUBJECT: PROPOSED NIH KOBATA RESEARCH CONTRACT

REF: (A) TOKYO 0766, (B) TOKYO 3282

1. IN RESPONSE TO SCICOUNS REQUEST, TANAKA (MOFA) HAS ARRANGED MEETING FOR MAY 10 ON KOBATA CONTRACT WHICH WILL INCLUDE MR. SATO, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (MOE) ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH DIVISION. AS REPORTED REFTELS, WE HAVE MAINTAINED CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH MOFA, DR. NAKAI AND OTHERS, AND WHILE MOFA CONTACTS WITH MORE HAVE NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGING, MOE IS WILLING TO DISCUSS ISSUE WITH MOFA AND EMBASSY REPS. SCICOUNS HAS ALSO REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH MOFA NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR-GENERAL YAMAZAKI TO REVIEW CASE PRIOR TO SCICOUNS TRIP TO WASHINGTON IN MAY.

2. SO THAT WE MAY RESOND AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE TO MOE INQUIRIES, REQUEST REPLY TO QUESTIONS RAISED REFTELS ASAP. SPECIFICALLY, USG VIEWS REQUESTED

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ON FEASIBILITY USING PRIVATE U.S. CHANNEL FOR

FUNDING RESEARCH IN JAPAN (REFTEL B, PARA. 5); WHAT  
LEGAL/CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS ON PART OF GOJ ARE  
ENTAILED OTHER THAN THROUGH SPECIFIC WORDING  
OF CONTRACT (REFTEL A, PARA 3); AND LEGAL  
DESCRIPTION OF QUOTE FIXED PRICE CONTRACT UNQUOTE  
TO PASS TO MOFA (REFTEL A, PARA. 4).

3. IN RECENT MOFA-SATO DISCUSSIONS, SATO  
EXPRESSED QUOTE PERSONAL UNQUOTE VIEW THAT QUESTION  
OF USG'S RETAINING PROPRIETARY RIGHTS OVER ANY  
INVENTIONS THAT MIGHT COME ABOUT AS RESULT OF  
PROPOSED RESEARCH IS A QUOTE MAJOR DIFFICULTY  
UNQUOTE. ANY GUIDANCE ON THIS SPECIFIC POINT  
WOULD ALSO BE VALUABLE TO US IN KEEPING DIALOGUE  
WITH MOE ON TRACK. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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